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Receives for April 28, 1903. The United States Court, on the petition of the Chinese government, has appointed a receiver for the Chinese government in the United States. The receiver is to be a citizen of the United States, and to be a member of the Chinese community in the United States. The receiver is to be appointed for a term of one year, and may be reappointed for successive terms of one year.

Congratulating the Pope. Rome, April 28.—The pope today surpassed the famous pontiff of St. Peter. His holiness was celebrating his 25th birthday, and he was also celebrating the 25th anniversary of his accession to the papal throne. He was born on April 28, 1878, and he has now reached the age of 25 years.

School Teachers Under Civil Service. Washington, April 28.—The civil service commission have issued an announcement that the president has included all the school teachers in the Philippine service within the classification of civil service.

Reduced Rates. Special rates to Atlanta, Ga., account National Conference of Charities and Corrections, May 6-12, 1903. On account of the above meeting the railroad Air Line Railway will sell tickets to Atlanta, Ga., at rate of one fare for the round trip, plus 25 cents, from all stations on its line. Tickets will be sold May 14th and 15th. Final limit May 16th, 1903. Fare from Richmond \$15.75.

Local Markets.

(Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Co.) Wheat, 82 to 85; corn, new, 45 to 46; meal, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 100 pounds; oats, 40 to 50; fowls (live), 9 to 10; dressed 11 to 12; turkeys (live), 11 to 12; turkeys dressed, 13 to 16; ducks, 10 to 12; dressed, 11 to 12; Water chickens, 12 to 13; broilers, 11 to 12; eggs, 12 to 13; butter, 15 to 25; lard, 11 to 12; sweet potatoes, 90 to 81; beef 3 to 4; veal 4 to 5; pork, 7 to 8; hides (green) 3 to 4; hides (dry), 8 to 10; haled hay \$3.75 to \$4.50 per ton; Washed, 24 to 25; Lead Sums—50 to 60 cents per hundred pounds.

The grain markets closed yesterday as follows: Chicago—Wheat, April 27, May 77 1/2, July 75 1/2; corn, April 43 1/2, May 44 1/2, July 44 1/2; oats, March 23 1/2, May 24 1/2, July 24 1/2; New York—Southern wheat, 80; corn, 54; Baltimore—Southern wheat, 80 to 82; Southern corn, 49 to 50; Richmond—Wheat, 80 to 82; corn, 50 to 52; oats, 45 to 50; Alexandria—Wheat 77 to 78; corn, 47 to 48.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903

## REFUSES THE DEMANDS

China Makes Prompt Reply to Czar Regarding Manchuria.

RUSSIA'S VIEW OF THE DEMANDS

Foreign Office at St. Petersburg Says Nothing is Directed Against Commerce of Other Powers and That All Enjoy the Same Rights.

London, April 28.—It is officially announced here that the Chinese government has sent to the Russian government a formal refusal to grant the larger demands in regard to the evacuation of Manchuria. This ultimatum on the part of China comes much sooner than was expected, and has made a stir in diplomatic circles.

Russia Explains Demands.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Russian foreign office, when shown the Peking dispatch of April 23 setting forth the eight demands made by Russia on China regarding Manchuria, entered a denial of a number of the points and minimized the importance of others.

Commenting on each point separately, the foreign office says:

"First—Absolutely false. Not our demand."

"Second—Depends upon China. Not mentioned in our proposals."

"Third—False."

"Fourth—Unimportant."

"Fifth—Such is the present arrangement."

"Sixth—Extremely important, since an English vessel in 1902 introduced the plague."

"Seventh—False."

"Eighth—The integrity of China is already adopted into the Russian program. No need to discuss that now."

Regarding the whole negotiations, which have been dragging on since January, the foreign office says:

"There is nothing directed in any manner against the interests of the other powers or their commerce; others enjoy the same rights of commerce in the interior as we. Of the towns not opened to trade, the railway will carry Russian and foreign goods alike through the country, but we or they cannot sell them in the unopened towns. If the towns are opened, all will be benefited alike. It is in the railway's interests to demand the widest possible developments of trade. The portparriers concern multitudinous detailed questions which were not foreseen when the evacuation was decided upon."

The Demands.

As called from Peking April 23, the Russian demands were as follows:

First—No more Manchurian posts or towns are to be opened.

Second—No more foreign consuls are to be admitted into Manchuria.

Third—No foreigners, except Russians, are to be employed in the public service of Manchuria.

Fourth—The present status of the administration of Manchuria is to remain unchanged.

Fifth—The customs receipts at the port of New Chungking are to be given to the Russo-Chinese bank.

Sixth—A sanitary commission is to be organized under Russian control.

Seventh—Russia is entitled to attach telegraph wires and poles of all Chinese lines in Manchuria.

Eighth—No territory in Manchuria is to be alienated to any other power.

WASHINGTON IS PLEASED

Russia's Answer Set at Rest Menace to American Trade.

Washington, April 28.—Considerable interest was shown here in the dispatch from St. Petersburg giving a categorical answer from the Russian foreign office to inquiries regarding the eight demands which are said to have been made on China in connection with Manchuria. It was regarded as of great importance and it borne out by subsequent information through diplomatic channels, will give general satisfaction and meet in a large degree the desires of our government.

It was in relation to the first two demands that the United States was interested principally, and it was these demands which prompted it to address notes of inquiry and protest to St. Petersburg and Peking. They involved severe restrictions to American trade, and the United States, therefore, was prompt to protest. The assurance of the Russian foreign office would seem to set at rest any serious menace in that respect. The replies of the Russians regarding the other demands also caused a feeling of relief here, and the hope of the officials is that Russia's position is fully and correctly set forth.

Protest from Conger.

Peking, April 28.—Minister Conger has sent a note to Prince Ching, the grand secretary, protesting against two features of Russia's proposed Manchurian agreement, which are considered particularly antagonistic to American interests.

The note objects to China promising not to open more towns to foreign trade, because negotiations are progressing in connection with the American commercial treaty for the opening of Mukden and Taku-Shan, and it objects to promising that the foreign employees in China shall only be Russians.

The United States withholds expression regarding the other demands, but is prepared to insist on her treaty rights if infractions occur.

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Reorganizing the National Guard.

The war department is making the necessary preparations for carrying into effect, so far as the federal government is concerned, the provisions of the new militia law. Since the first Adams all the presidents of the United States have recommended, in one form or another, the establishment of a national militia which would be more effective than that created under state militia laws. The requisite machinery for such an efficient force of citizen soldiers, quickly available for national defense, was, it is believed, supplied by the enactment of the last congress. To carry it into effect the co-operation of the several states is necessary, though some of them appear to be quite indifferent as to the matter.

The federal government, however, is ready to do its share of the work, and Secretary Root will have officers of the regular army inspect the national guard of every state during the present year. There are some 2,000 companies located in 1,750 places to be visited and inspection made as to their condition and requirements. In this way the war department will know what may be needed and how to deal with each company.

Under the law the militia of every state is given until 1908 to adopt "the organization, armament and discipline" as provided for by the statute, but at that time the standard must be realized and thereafter becomes a requirement. As the militia, to participate in the government appropriation, must conform to the standard there will be no object in delaying the matter, unless it is the intention to maintain an independent state militia. However, it is not probable that any state will care to deprive its militia of the aid and instruction provided by the government for both officers and men.

Armed with the same guns as the regular troops and organized in the same way and participating in the equipments of the regular army, the national guard should become an efficient force, ready for immediate service in case of an emergency.

The Coroner's Quest Law.

By a special act of the New York legislature in 1901 Erie county, in which the city of Buffalo is located, was provided with a system of coroners which was generally agreed to be more scientific and rational than the archaic system which survives elsewhere in the state. Under this system the medical investigation of a death is committed to medical men and the legal investigation, should such be proved or indicated to be necessary, to lawyers.

The Burdick inquiry is the most conspicuous case to which the new method has yet been applied, and the findings, which take the place of the old-fashioned verdict of an inexperienced coroner's jury under an inexperienced coroner, appear to have all the drawbacks and infirmities of ancient "crowners' quest law." The long continued and nauseating public inquiry did little else than give publicity to the prurient details of the amours of Pennell and Mrs. Burdick and to indicate that Pennell had a motive for the killing of Burdick which the police and district attorney must have known long ago.

As generally conducted, the coroner's quest is of doubtful value in fixing the responsibility for homicide in any degree or in bringing to justice the perpetrator of the crime. In some instances, as in the Buffalo case, even with its improved system of inquiry, it is positively injurious. The public investigation of such a salacious case as this in Buffalo, which has lately filled the public nostrils with an unsavory odor, can only have an unwholesome effect on public morals. It is likewise a waste of time and money, since, had the finding been regarded as sufficient to base a warrant upon and had the suspected person been still alive, it would have been necessary to go all over the matter again before the grand jury. It would be to the moral advantage of the community and the expedition of justice to have such investigations conducted privately before grand juries without resort to the "crowners' quest law" in any form.

It is gratifying to learn that the award of the anthracite coal strike commission has gone into full effect throughout the anthracite coal regions with but little friction, and all hands are fairly well satisfied—at least everybody is trying to look pleasant and accept gracefully what the commission gave them.

General Alejandro Wos y Gil is the leader of the latest revolution in Santo Domingo. If his name is used by his followers as a war cry, it ought to strike terror to the hearts of the opposition.

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Now that the courts have begun to enjoy female baseball players "government by injunction" may in time prove a blessing.

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